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In pursuance of this pious design, the Governours of the Charity above-mentioned, have thought fit hereby to publish this great favour of His Majesty, hoping that as at the late Yearly Meetings of Clergy-men Sons in the City of London, there have been considerable Collections made, by the distribution whereof much good hath already redounded to several poor Widows and Children of migration of the same.

The forms which several pious and charitable persons in this Kingdom have already writ out, and set their Hands to, and sent to their friends in London, with direction to be delivered to some one of the Three Treasurers, (which Persons are all Registered Benefactors) Are here published for the use of such whose Hearts God shall hereafter move to give any Present, or Annual, or Legatory Charity towards the Relief of necessitous Widows, and the Maintenance and Education of Children (Sons and Daughters) of Clergy-men dying poor, and putting out such Children to fit Callings, which is the Reli-

I of the Corporation of the Governours for Relief of poor Widows and Children of Clergy-men for the time being, or one of them, the yearly sum of Two usual Feasts of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Michael the Arch- Angel by equal Portions, for and during [my natural Life] [or such Term of years] the first payment to be made upon the Feast day that shall first happen after the date hereof, given under my hand the day of Anno Dom. 16

If the Present, Annual, or Legatory Gift be but 20 s. or 10 s. the same will be thankfully accepted.

All such as are disposed to give any Present Sum, or shall underwrite any Annual Benefaction, may please to pay the same to any of the Treasurers above mentioned, viz. William Wren Esq; at his Lodgings at Mr. Singleton's house in York-Buildings, or to Henry Loads Esq; living on St. Mary-hill, or Roger Jacson Gentleman, at Mr. Robert Blanchards a Goldsmith within Temple Bar, or to such Deputies as they shall appoint under their respective Hands and Seals.

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This may be inserted among Legacies in a Will.

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